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TAE PUNG HILLS

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 12400]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 12400) for the relief of Tae Pung Hills, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to classify the adopted son of citizens of the United States as an immediate relative.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 21-year-old native and citizen of Korea, who presently resides in that country with his adoptive parents. He was adopted in Korea on April 29, 1968, and his adoptive mother is his natural sister, who married her husband on July 20, 1966, in Seoul. She entered the United States in January 1968, when she was naturalized and returned to Korea. The adoptive father is employed as an agent of a land sales agency in Korea and is retired from the U.S. Army. He plans to bring his family to the United States to reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated December 30, 1969, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the case, reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington 25, D.C., December 30, 1969.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 12400) for the relief of Tae Pung Hills, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would provide that the 21-year-old beneficiary, who has been adopted by U.S. citizens, may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Korea, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL,
Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 12400

Information concerning this case was obtained from Tae Pung Hills, the beneficiary; and Frederick A. Hills and Lee Hills, the interested parties and adoptive parents of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Tae Pung Hills, a native and citizen of Korea, was born November 3, 1948. He was adopted in Seoul District Court, Seoul, Korea, on April 29, 1968. He is single, and resides in Seoul, Korea, with his adoptive parents. He has never been in this country. He has no assets, is not employed, and is supported entirely by his adoptive parents. The beneficiary graduated from high school in his native country. His natural parents, four brothers, and three sisters reside in Korea.

Mr. Hills, a native and citizen of the United States, was born on February 23, 1921. He completed 2½ years at the University of Maryland. He is employed as an agent of a land sales agency in Korea, where he earns a monthly commission of \$1,200. His assets consist of \$4,000 in cash savings, \$200 monthly U.S. Army retirement pay, community real estate and home furnishings valued at \$20,000, \$1,000 in U.S. savings bonds, and other personal property. He also claims \$36,000 residuals due on past business. He married Que Dong Lee on July 20, 1966, in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Hills' previous marriage terminated by divorce on May 25, 1965, in Los Angeles, Calif. He has no children of either marriage, and his present wife and adopted son are his only dependents.

Mrs. Hills is a native of Korea and a U.S. citizen. She is the natural sister of the beneficiary, and was born on February 29, 1923, in Seoul, Korea. She completed sixth-grade elementary school in her native land. She is unemployed and has

assets consisting of \$400 cash, \$3,000 personal property, and her share of community property valued at \$20,000. This is her only marriage. Her parents, five brothers, and two sisters reside in Korea. Mrs. Hills was in the United States in January 1968, at which time she was naturalized. She departed on February 24, 1968. She last entered the United States for a visit in June 1969 and departed on July 5, 1969.

Congressman Charles E. Wiggins, the author of the bill, submitted the following letters and statements in support of the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., January 27, 1970.

Re: H.R. 12400.

HON. EMANUEL CELLER,
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
2142 Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In accordance with your suggestion of December 3, 1969, I have contacted the beneficiary in the above bill.

The beneficiary was registered by his adoptive father at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul and was granted nonpreference status. Accordingly, without the approval of the bill, it appears that the beneficiary will be unable to enter the United States with his adoptive family for a considerable period.

Under the circumstances, it is hoped that an early hearing will be granted on this bill.

Sincerely,

CHARLES E. WIGGINS.

JULY 11, 1969.

HON. CHARLES E. WIGGINS,
*Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS: I returned from an extended business trip throughout the Far East in time to receive your letter and a copy of H.R. 12400 on my son's behalf. Needless to say, Representative Wiggins, my family and I are thrilled by the kindness of your action which means so much to my son's future. My son has had the bill framed to hang over his study table.

Attached is an official abstract of the family census register showing (under heading of "Child") that Tae Pung was born November 3, 1948 at No. 1-47 of the Kong Dok-Dong (section), Mapo-Ku (district) of the city of Seoul, Korea. I trust that this bill will satisfy requirements, if not please let me know.

I have taken the liberty of notifying Senator George Murphy of your action as he expressed interest in the matter.

Again, Representative Wiggins, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

Most sincerely,

FRED HILLS.
USA Ret.
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REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
Special City of Seoul,
Embassy of the United States of America, ss:

I, John P. Leonard, Vice Consul of the United States of America at Seoul, Korea, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that Soon Suck Chung whose true signature and official seal are, respectively, subscribed and affixed to the annexed certificate(s) (documents), was, on the 9 day of July, 1969, the date thereof, Notary Public, Seoul District Public Procurator's Office, Seoul, to whose official acts faith and credit are due,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of U.S. Embassy at Seoul, Korea, this 9 day of July, 1969.

[SEAL]

JOHN P. LEONARD,
American Vice Consul.

REQUEST FOR NOTARIZATION

Request that the following be notarized to be true and faithful translation of the abstract of the family register of YI, Tae Pung.

[SEAL]

Requested by:

UI SHIN CHAY.

This is to certify that Mr. Ui Shin Chay, residing at #72, 1-Ka, Ulchi-Ro, Chung-Ku, Seoul, Korea personally appeared before me on this date with English translation of the abstract of the family census register attached herewith, which he affirms is true and correct in every detail.

July 9, 1969.

SOON SUCK CHUNG,

Notary Public, Seoul District Public Procurator's Office.
 SEOUL, KOREA.

ABSTRACT OF FAMILY CENSUS REGISTER

Permanent address: No. 173 Kongdok-Dong, Mapo-Ku, Seoul.

Ex-family head: YI, Chun Hui.

Upon receipt of the report on succession of the headship of family on July 18, 1944, remade the Register. For fear of probable partial destruction of the Register, remade it on October 11, 1962.

Family head:

Name in full: YI, Yong Song.

Date of birth: April 23, 1910.

Father's name: YI, Chun Hui (deceased).

Mother's maiden name: Chon, Si.

Sex: Male.

Family origin: Yonan.

Relation to ex-family head: Son of deceased YI Chun Hui.

Description: Married to YI, Kum Ye on November 26, 1937. Due to the death of the ex-family head on July 17, 1944, succeeded the headship of family.

Child:

Name in full: YI, Tae Pung.

Date of birth: November 3, 1948.

Father's name: YI: Yong Song.

Mother's maiden name: YI: Kum Ye.

Sex: Male.

Description: Born at No. 1-47 Kongdok-Dong, Mapo-Ku, Seoul,
and report thereof was filed by father on December 6, 1948.This is to certify that the foregoing is an abstract of the original
Family Census Register on file at this office.

Date Issued: December 5, 1966.

WON HYU SANG,

Chief, Mapo-Ku Ward Office, Seoul.

Translated by: Ui Shin Chay.

CHUNG-KU, SEOUL.

MAY 27, 1969.

HON. CHARLES E. WIGGINS,
*Room 111 1/2 Longworth House,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE WIGGINS: Thank you for your prompt and courteous reply regarding my adopted son Tae Pung. It has caused considerable hope in my household.

I have kept carefully filed all documents giving the information, which you asked for, notarized copies of which are attached hereto, except the Certificate of Naturalization for my wife which has a violation of U.S. Code warning on its face, against copying. The U.S. Embassy here in Seoul has said, however, that a certificate sworn to and notarized as to the information contained on the document should satisfy requirements. Therefore, this certificate is also attached.

In the above certificate you will note that I have also included a statement concerning Tae Pung—his age, the date of adoption and his relationship to me prior to adoption. The adoption action was finalized on May 1, 1968. This late action was due to the fact that as Tae Pung had passed the age qualifying him for naturalization by adoption, I decided to wait until he had studied U.S. History and Government, spoke, read and wrote English and understood the responsibilities of citizenship. In addition to this I wanted him to be sure that he wanted adoption, and have the opportunity out of my presence to discuss this with his father, who is still alive. The outcome of these actions was gratifying to all parties.

As regards my return to the United States, I intend to do so in the next several years and will reside in the Los Angeles area, where I formerly resided and paid State taxes, to establish this residence. My present address is: 30-73 Hoo Am Dong, Seoul, Korea. My mail (other than international post) comes thru the APO at 8th Army Hq (96301) as shown. ("Dependent Mail Section" is a small post box or "will call" section of this APO).

During the first week of June I shall be in Honolulu on business but shall be back at my regular address immediately thereafter—if you need further information. I shall forward it immediately.

Again, Representative Wiggins, my family and I deeply appreciate your concern in this matter which is of such importance to us.

Sincerely,

FRED HILLS, *USA Ret.*

CERTIFICATE

REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
Special City of Seoul,
Embassy of the,
United States of America, ss:

I certify that my wife Lee Hills was naturalized an American Citizen February 9, 1968 at a term of the U.S. District Court of Hawaii at Honolulu, Hawaii.

That her Certificate of Naturalization No. 9190597, Petition No. 32250, on the face side shows her date of birth to be 29 February 1923, her marital status to be married, country of former nationality to be Korea, and her name to be Lee Hills.

On the reverse side is the statement, "Named changed from Que Dong Hills by order of court this 9th day of February, A.D. 1968 as part of the naturalization proceedings." This followed by the signature of the court clerk.

That my adopted son, Tae Pung, is presently 20 years of age by the Korean custom of dating birth and 19 years of age by the American custom of dating birth.

That I adopted Tae Pung April 29, 1968, and that prior to this date he was my nephew by marriage.

That I have been his sole support and have been responsible for his education since his age of 14.

That Tae Pung holds a certificate of graduation from high school and that he reads, writes English and speaks it fluently.

FREDERICK A. HILLS,
USA Ret.

JOHN P. LEONARD,
Vice Consul of the United States of America.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, John P. Leonard, Consul of the United States of America at Seoul, Korea, duly commissioned and qualified this 28th day of May 1969.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 12400) should be enacted.

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